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SEVEN NEW BROWNFIELDS PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

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Speaking before the "Brownfields 2002 - Investing in the Future" Conference in Charlotte, N.C., EPA Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Marianne Lamont Horinko, announced the selection of seven Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Brownfields-Targeted Site Effort projects. These new assistance projects are an outgrowth of EPA's RCRA Brownfields Prevention Initiative Pilots. Through these pilots, EPA has discovered that RCRA cleanup can be expedited by focusing stakeholder attention on the reuse possibilities of a property, such as conversion to new community parks, office buildings, industrial centers and other new uses. The selected projects are at: 3-D Investments Inc., Alda, Neb.; Gaston Copper Recycling Corp., Gaston, S.C.; Inchelium Wood Treatment Plant, Nespelem, Wash.; Tricil Plant, Muskegon Heights, Mich.; Velsicol Chemical Corp., Memphis, Tenn.; Vision Metals Inc., Rosenburg, Texas and the FMC Site, Pocatello, Idaho. The projects will provide a quick infusion of attention and support to get RCRA sites moving towards cleanup and redevelopment. Each of these sites will receive assistance through an EPA contract, valued between \$15,000 and \$35,000. This support can take the form of technical assistance for stakeholder outreach, community involvement, reuse options analysis or additional sampling. Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. RCRA was enacted by Congress to require the safe management of municipal and industrial wastes, some of which are defined as hazardous wastes. Additional information about these and other Brownfields projects can be found on EPA's RCRA Brownfields web site: http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/rcrabf.